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ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT



Easton's Union Society Church, built in 1859 and in use as late as 1950.

Town of EASTON New Hampshire

Year Ending December 31, 2009

The 2009 Easton Annual Town Report is Dedicated to Bode Miller



Nationals 1996

Bode Miller, born and raised in Easton, is a third generation Easton resident. He is the grandson of Jack and Peg Kenny who established the Tamarack Tennis Camp. Bode, son of Jo Miller and Woody Miller, grew up at Tamarack surrounded by energetic competitive athletes, playing tennis, soccer and skiing Cannon Mountain. He attended Lafayette Elementary School and Profile High School.

Bode transferred to Carrabassett Valley Academy his sophomore year to pursue his love for ski racing, returning to Easton in the summer to play tennis and soccer and to help his uncle Mike build tennis courts. In his senior year at CVA, Bode was named to the US National Ski Team.

Overall World Cup Champion in 2005 and again in 2008, he also participated in the Olympics at Nagano, Salt Lake City, Turin, and now Vancouver. Two Silver medals in Salt Lake, and now Bronze in the downhill, Silver in the SuperG and GOLD in the combined, 'three, so far', he told his Mom the next day! With five Olympic medals, he is now the most decorated American Olympic Skier ever.

Bode has also established the Turtle Ridge Foundation supporting, in part, youth sports programs.

Bode has thrilled young and old with his breathtaking trips down the race course and surely will inspire our youngsters in Easton and surrounds to ski fast, take chances and be true to yourself. We are proud of his accomplishments and dedicate this Annual Report to Bode Miller.

ANNUAL REPORT
of the Town Officers
for the year ending December 31, 2009

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~ Photo Front Cover~

Restored and Submitted by ~ Donna North

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TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED OFFICIALS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Board of Selectmen

Tom Boucher (2010)
Kevin O'Brien (2011)
Sonia German (2012)

Treasurer

Darrel Gearhart (2010)

Auditor

Nicole Ashton (2010)

Lafayette School Board

Mary Jo Greene (2011)

Cemetery Trustees

Richard Larcom (2010)
Jex Lax (2011)
Denys Draper (2012)

Town Clerk

Robert Thibault (2010)

Tax Collector

Denys Draper (2010)

Moderator

Jim Collier (2010)

Trustee of the Trust Funds

Angela Brigida (2010)

Supervisors of the Checklist

Patricia O'Brien (2010)
Donna North (2012)
Wendy Cramer (2014)

Planning Board

Kathy Ouellette (2012)	Andrew Noyes (2010)
Jim Collier (2011)	Gary Harwood (2011)
Ronnie Sandler (Alternate)	Kevin O'Brien (Ex Officio)

Library Trustees

Laura Treuman (2012)	Kathy Bishop-resigned (2010)
Barbara Collier-resigned (2011)	

APPOINTED OFFICIALS & BOARD MEMBERS

Fire Chief	Charles Casey	Emergency Manager	Edward Cutler
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Heath Officer	Dr. Campbell McLaren, MD	Welfare Officer	Thomas Boucher
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Zoning Board of Adjustment

John Hynes (2012)
Dennis Ford (2012)
Mike Kelley (2010)
Greg Sorg (2011)
Jack Feenstra (Alternate)
Tom Boucher (Ex Officio)

Building Inspector

Art Rainville

Road Agent

Robert Peckett

Recreation Committee

Ashley Garrison

Deputy Town Clerk

Shirley Boucher

Deputy Tax Collector

Robert Thibault

Animal Control Officer Richard Larcom

Conservation Commission

Steven Sabre (2012)	Edward Cutler (2011)	Anita Craven (2010)
Donna North (2012)	Mike Platt (2011)	Denys Draper (2010)
Susan Schibanoff (2012)	Genny Wren Miller (2010)	Maria Hynes (2010)

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Town of Easton Selectmen continued to conduct the routine business during the past year of 2009.

- Reviewing and approving permits.
- Working with our State approved assessors to insure that property appraisals and reappraisals are completed on a timely basis.
- Enforcing Town Ordinances.
- Making welfare and tax abatement decisions.
- Enforcing the Zoning regulations required by State Statute.
- Working and supporting various Town and State positions and projects.
- Attending municipal training and information programs in order to keep abreast of changes in the State Laws that might impact our Town.

Town Reassessment: We continued to work with the appointed Town Assessors to complete another 25% re-measure and re-list of the parcels. During 2010 a valuation update will be conducted using values obtained by updated Department of Revenue studies and sales analysis. In 2009, working with the Town Clerk and the State Department of Revenue, the Selectmen were able to raise our equalization ratio. This ratio increase places the Town in a more favorable position regarding State funding to our Town.

Fire Department: We would like to note, as always, that our Town Volunteer Fire Department once again has provided a service to the community that is greatly appreciated. Included in these services are responses to fires, personal emergencies, accidents, storm damage, road clearing and other types of calls that we may have missed. Please keep in mind that the Fire Department is made up of volunteers who always need additional help for numerous tasks, and will welcome any volunteer assistance. Please contact Chief Casey or either of the Fire Wardens listed in the Annual Town Report if you are interested.

Town Buildings: During the year of 2009, we had repairs made to the Town Hall chimney, the heating system for the "old" part of the Town Hall, as well as the rear wall of the Fire Department building. Also, we had a portion of the parking area resurfaced. Our Town Hall Clean-up Day was again successful, and we had a fine turn out of willing workers who performed numerous tasks that enhance the looks and life of the building. The Fireman once again made the lunch an enjoyable and appreciated experience at the completion of the Clean-up Day.

Personnel & Boards: We have appointed a new Deputy Town Clerk. Shirley Boucher has replaced Barbara Collier who has retired from her duties after a very long and busy career in numerous Town job categories. Welcome Shirley, and our deepest appreciation and "Thanks" to you, Barbara.

Public Service: Once again regarding Public Service, we are going to quote Bob Craven.

“Town government can only function effectively when capable residents volunteer to serve on the various Town boards and committees that make this government work. We urge all residents to meet their civic responsibilities, and to avail themselves of the many opportunities to serve on one or more of our several Town boards and committees. This can be a valuable learning, as well as personally rewarding experience.”

Respectfully submitted,
The Selectmen of Easton
Tom Boucher, Chairman
Kevin O'Brien
Sonia German

TOWN OF EASTON
TOWN MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2009

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 10, 2009. Polls will be open from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM for voting on Article 1. The Town's annual business meeting will follow at 7:00 PM.

The annual business meeting for the Town of Easton was called to order by the Moderator, Jim Collier, at 7:00 pm. Mr. Collier opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and after which he read the call to the Warrant and introduced the Select Board Members and the Town Clerk. He welcomed and thanked all in attendance for their participation in Town affairs pointing out the 300 year history of Town Meeting. He discussed the rules of order referencing Roberts Rules and the procedure to challenge the Moderator.

A motion was then made by Barbara Collier, seconded by many to dispense with the reading of the entire Warrant. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year (ballot vote).
At this point, the results of Article 1 were announced as follows:

Selectman - 3 year term:
Sonia German 29
Edward O'Brien 26
2 write-ins w/1 vote each

Town Clerk – 1 year term:
Bob Thibault 59

Tax Collector – 1 year term:
Denys Draper 53
1 write-in w/1 vote

Treasurer – 1 year term:
Darrel Gearhart 58

Auditor – 1 year term:
Nicole Ashton 4
6 other write-ins totaling
11 votes

Planning Board - 3 year term:
Kathy Ouellette 56

Cemetery Trustee – 3 year term:
Denys Draper 53
1 write-in w/1 vote

Library Trustee – 3 year term:
Laura Treuman 51
1 write in w/3 votes

Library Trustee – 1 year term:
Sonia German 56

The Moderator proceeded to Article 2.

ARTICLE 2. Town Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$202,945.00 for general Town operations as follows:

4130 – Executive	\$ 12,050.00
4140 – Election, Registration & Vital Stats & Town Clerk	11,750.00
4150 – Financial Administration	8,000.00
4152 – Revaluation of Individual Properties	5,780.00
4153 – Legal Expenses	5,000.00
4155 – Personnel Administration - Payroll Taxes	1,560.00
4191 – Planning & Zoning	17,500.00
4194 – Government Buildings	9,575.00
4195 – Cemetery	2,000.00
4196 – Insurance	5,095.00
4197 – Advertising & Regional Associations	1,488.00
4199 – Contingency Fund	7,500.00
4210 – Police Department	1,001.00
4215 – Ambulances	3,500.00
4220 – Fire Department	17,530.00
4241 – Building Inspections	300.00
4290 – Emergency Management	950.00
4299 – Communications (Dispatch)	1,500.00
4312 – Highway Maintenance	42,000.00
4324 – Hazardous Waste Collection	100.00
4324 – Solid Waste	26,235.00
4414 – Animal & Pest Control	100.00
4415 – Health Agencies & Hospitals	1,370.00
4442 – Welfare Assistance	2,000.00
4449 – Tri-County Community Action Program	1,050.00
4520 – Tri-Town Recreation Programs	7,577.00
4550 – Easton Library	500.00
4583 – Patriotic Purposes – 4 th of July	100.00
4619 – Conservation Commission	200.00
4711 – Principal Payment on \$120,000 Construction Bond	6,000.00
4721 – Interest on \$120,000 Construction Bond	<u>3,634.00</u>
Total Operating Budget	\$202,945.00

Moved by Tom Boucher that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$202,945.00 for general Town Operations. Seconded by Nicole Ashton.

Bob Every moved to amend the motion by deleting the \$15,000 amount for the North Country Council fee to help the Town's Master Plan. This amount is included in account 4191-Planning and Zoning. The motion to amend was seconded by Denys Draper. A lengthy discussion followed, regarding the North Country Council's cost and the necessity to assist the Planning Board in developing an updated Master Plan.

Planning Board member Kathy Ouellette spoke for the Planning Board explaining that Easton's Master Plan as currently written would not adequately protect the interests of the Town as it developed. Kevin O'Brien, Selectman and Planning Board member, spoke about the need to plan ahead of eventual development and about the residents desire to maintain the current character of the Town as expressed in the recent

Planning Board survey. Betsy Baker questioned whether approval of the \$15,000 plan would automatically result in a lot size change, the answer was no, it would not. Moderator Jim Collier, speaking as Planning Board Chair explained the municipal planning of the level offered by North Country Council was beyond the capabilities of a lay person planning board such as we have in Easton and reminded the assembly that the Town residents had overwhelmingly expressed its desire to maintain the current character of Easton. Bob Every pointed out that our existing rules have worked to this point. Andrew Noyes compared the development of Bretton Woods and around Cannon Mountain to what was possible in Easton. Mike Platt asked whether a draft of a revised Master Plan would be presented to the Town for approval, the answer was yes it would be.

The motion to amend was voted on and failed on a show of hands vote.

Regarding the remaining motion, Walter Johnson questioned the increase in the Solid Waste account. The Board stated that the increase was for a new baler and structure to house it at the Transfer Station.

The motion to raise and appropriate the sum of \$202,945.00 for general Town Operations was then voted on. The Article passed on a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 3. Town Road Maintenance Fund

To see if the Town will vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Town Roads Maintenance Fund, for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the Town's roads and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,500 to be placed in this fund and to further appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article. (Majority vote required)

Article 3 was moved as written by Tom Boucher and seconded by Nicole Ashton. Tom Boucher explained that the intention of the Article is to replace and rename the Town Repaving Reserve Fund so that the funds could be used to perform major road repairs and not restricted to repaving.

He also explained the relationship of the following Articles 4 and 5 to the outcome of this Article.

The motion was voted on and passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 4. Town Road Repaving Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Town Road Repaving CRF with said funds of \$23,000, plus accumulated interest to date to be placed in the Towns' General Fund. (Majority vote required).

Article 4 was moved as written by Tom Boucher and seconded by Kevin O'Brien. Denys Draper requested an explanation of the difference in the language of CRF (Capital Reserve Fund) vs. Expendable Trust Fund. The Board answered that the CRF required Town Meeting approval whereas the Expendable Trust would not, based on the vote on Article 3.

The motion was voted on and passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 5. Town Roads Maintenance Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,000.00 to be placed in the newly established Town Roads Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, with said funds to come from unreserved fund balance. This amount represents the funds from the discontinuance of the Town Road Repaving CRF. The Selectmen recommend this Article. (Majority vote required.)

Article 5 was moved as written by Tom Boucher and seconded by Kevin O'Brien. Walter Johnson asked about the difference between this fund and the Highway Maintenance Fund, (account 4312). The Board replied that account 4312 was for regular ongoing and routine road upkeep and that the Maintenance Fund would be for non-routine improvements and/or unanticipated repairs.

The motion was voted on and passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 6. Capital Reserve Fund for Maintenance and Repair of Government Buildings

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to add to the Capital Reserve Fund for the maintenance and repair of all Town buildings. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required)

Article 6 was moved as written by Nicole Ashton and seconded by Kevin O'Brien. John Hynes asked where this Fund appeared in the report and whether the Select Board was authorized to expend the Fund. He was informed that it appears in the Report of Trust Funds in the Town Report and that the Select Board was authorized to expend the Fund by a vote of Town Meeting of 2008.

The motion was voted on and passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 7. Fireworks Ordinance Amendment

To see if the Town will vote to amend the current fireworks ordinance, the new ordinance would include a time restriction "fireworks are prohibited between the hours of 10:00 pm to 7:00 am with the exception of the Fourth of July, in which case the time will be extended to midnight."

Article 7 was moved as written by Kevin O'Brien and seconded by Ed Latta. Denys Draper questioned how the ordinance would be enforced by the Select Board. With a friendly reminder and a call to the Police if necessary, the Board answered. The Board explained that the current noise ordinance was unspecific with respect to fireworks and were advised by the NH State Police that it would be difficult to enforce.

The question was moved, the motion was voted on and passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 8. Amend Dog Ordinance

To see if the Town will vote to amend the local dog ordinance to include RSA 466:30-a. This was a petitioned Article. The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article. (Majority vote required).

Article 8 was moved as written by Tom Boucher and seconded by Barbara Collier. Tom Boucher explained the RSA as prohibiting dogs running loose i.e. not in immediate control by their owners. Anita Craven further explained that the RSA did not apply to working hunting dogs and spoke in favor of the Article. Steven Sabre questioned the need for the ordinance and was informed that there was currently no Town ordinance against dogs running loose.

The motion was called, the motion was voted on and passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 9. To act upon any other business that may legally come before this Meeting

Tom Boucher thanked outgoing Nicole Ashton for her service and contribution to the Select Board and the Town for the past 3 years. Nicole responded as to how different actually being a Selectperson was and wanted everyone to know that although at times a difficult job, it has also been educational and at times even fun and recommended a term on the Board to everyone.

Ed O'Brien, runner up for the open Select Board position thanked all who supported his run and offered his best wishes and congratulations to our new Selectperson, Sonia German.

Laura Treuman elaborated on the enclosed Library report and some additional current and planned activities of the Library.

Mike Platt informed the assembly that Verizon now has a communication tower on top of Cannon Mountain and that high speed access is coming.

State Representative Sue Ford, announced that the State Finance Committee would be meeting in Whitefield and encouraged residents to attend the meeting to share their opinions and provide input. She also encouraged the Board to watch for and pursue any available stimulus monies that become available.

Kevin O'Brien moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tom Boucher, approved by all.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Thibault
Easton Town Clerk

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON – REVENUE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 2009	Actual 2009	Estimated 2010
Taxes:			
3185 Timber Taxes	\$ 500.00	\$ 4,432.00	\$ 500.00
3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	30,095.00	30,808.00	30,000.00
3190 Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	2,000.00	4,765.00	2,000.00
Licenses, Permits, & Fees:			
3220 Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	40,000.00	57,103.00	45,000.00
3230 Building Permits	90.00	345.00	100.00
3290 Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	500.00	2,047.00	500.00
3311-3319 From Federal Government	0.00	0.00	0.00
From State:			
3351 Shared Revenues	0.00	0.00	0.00
3352 Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	13,279.00	13,279.00	13,000.00
3353 Highway Block Grant	9,739.00	9,739.00	7,462.00
Charges For Services:			
3401-3406 Income from Departments	250.00	1,052.00	500.00
Miscellaneous Revenues:			
3501 Sale of Municipal Property	0.00	150.00	0.00
3502 Interest on Investments	700.00	1,401.00	1,000.00
3503-3509 Other	500.00	459.00	0.00
Interfund Operating Transfer In:			
3915 Capital Reserve Funds	0.00	770.00	0.00
Other Financing Sources:			
3934 Proceed from Long Term Bonds and Notes Amount VOTED From F/B (“Surplus”) Fund Balance (“Surplus”) To Reduce Taxes	23,000.00 <u>20,000.00</u>	23,000.00 <u>20,000.00</u>	0.00 <u>50,000.00</u>
Total Estimated Revenue & Credits	\$140,653.00	\$169,350.00	\$150,062.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON – EXPENDITURES

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATIONS	Estimated 2009	Actual 2009	Budgeted 2010
General Government:			
4130-4139 Executive	\$ 12,050.00	\$ 10,967.00	\$ 12,050.00
4140-4149 Election, Reg., & Vital Statistics	11,750.00	9,156.00	11,900.00
4150-4151 Financial Administration	8,000.00	6,647.00	8,000.00
4152 Revaluation of Property	5,780.00	5,780.00	5,780.00
4153 Legal Expenses	5,000.00	1,421.00	5,000.00
4155-4159 Personnel Administration	1,560.00	1,545.00	1,560.00
4191-4193 Planning & Zoning	17,500.00	15,574.00	2,500.00
4194 General Government Buildings	9,575.00	10,092.00	9,575.00
4195 Cemetery	2,000.00	810.00	2,000.00
4196 Insurance	5,095.00	4,831.00	5,095.00
4197 Advertising & Regional Association	1,488.00	1,488.00	1,588.00
4199 Other General Government	7,500.00	140.00	7,500.00
Public Safety:			
4210-4214 Police Department	1,001.00	0.00	1,001.00
4215-4219 Ambulance	3,500.00	3,475.00	3,620.00
4220-4229 Fire	17,530.00	18,167.00	17,530.00
4240-4249 Building Inspection	300.00	175.00	300.00
4290-4298 Emergency Management	950.00	158.00	1,300.00
4299 Other (including communications)	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Highways and Streets:			
4312 Highways & Streets	42,000.00	38,601.00	42,000.00
Sanitation:			
4321 Administration	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00
4323 Solid Waste Collection	100.00	0.00	100.00
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	25,235.00	25,048.00	19,336.00
Health:			
4414 Pest Control	100.00	280.00	300.00
4415-4419 Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	1,370.00	1,370.00	1,570.00
Welfare:			
4441-4442 Administration & Direct Assist.	2,000.00	925.00	2,000.00
4445-4449 Vendor Payments & Other	1,050.00	1,025.00	1,050.00
Culture and Recreation:			
4520-4529 Parks & Recreation	7,577.00	8,062.00	7,700.00
4550-4559 Library	500.00	374.00	500.00
4583 Patriotic Purposes	100.00	0.00	100.00

Conservation:			
4619 Other Conservation	200.00	246.00	350.00
Debt Service:			
4711 Principal-Long Term Bonds & Notes	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
4721 Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	<u>3,634.00</u>	<u>3,634.00</u>	<u>3,379.00</u>
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL	\$202,945.00	\$178,491.00	\$182,684.00

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

4915	Town Building Repairs #6	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
4916	Road Maintenance #5	9,500.00	9,500.00	9,500.00
4916	Road Maintenance #5	23,000.00	0.00	0.00
4915	Rehab Cemetery #3	0.00	0.00	<u>15,000.00</u>
Special Articles Recommended				\$29,500.00

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

4150	Tax Software #4	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$4,400.00
4589	Boys & Girls Club #7	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Individual Articles Recommended				\$5,400.00

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$202,945.00	\$182,684.00
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	37,500.00	29,500.00
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,400.00</u>
Total Appropriations Recommended	\$240,445.00	\$217,584.00
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	<u>140,653.00</u>	<u>150,062.00</u>
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$ 99,792.00	\$ 67,522.00

DETAIL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

January through December 2009

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

3110-1	Property Tax Revenue	\$ 610,752.14
3185-0	Timber Taxes	4,431.73
3186-0	Payments in Lieu of Taxes	30,808.00
3190-0	Penalties & Interest	4,765.40
3220-0	Motor Vehicle Permits & Titles	57,103.00
3230-0	Building Permits	345.00
3290-0	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	2,047.03
3352-0	Rooms & Meals Tax	13,279.28
3353-0	Highway Block Grant	9,738.57
3401-0	Income from All Departments	1,052.40
3501	Sale of Town Property	150.00
3502-0	Bank Interest	1,401.07
3509-0	Miscellaneous Income	458.98
3915-0	Transfers from Capital Reserve	<u>23,769.59</u>

Total Income \$760,102.19

Expense

4130-0	Executive	
4130100	Salaries - Selectmen, Moderator	4,850.00
4130150	Secretary Pay	2,550.00
4130200	Fees - NHMA Lectures	60.00
4130300	Outside Services - Tax Maps	770.00
4130600	Office Expenses	<u>2,737.62</u>

Total 4130-0 Executive 10,967.62

4140-0	Election Registration, Town Clerk & Vital Statistics	
4140100	Salary - Town Clerk	6,750.00
4140200	Fees - Town Clerk	264.94
4140500	Election & Voter Registration	315.53
4140600	Office & Miscellaneous	<u>1,825.43</u>

Total 4140-0 Election Registration, Town Clerk & Vital Statistics 9,155.90

4150	Financial Administration	
4150100	Salaries - Tax Collector, Treasurer, Auditor	4,000.00
4150125	Financial Services	105.00
4150150	Treasurer Hourly Pay	1,000.00
4150200	Fees & Miscellaneous	420.07
4150600	Office Expenses & Bank Charges	<u>1,122.49</u>

Total 4150 Financial Administration 6,647.56

4152-0	Revaluation of Individual Property		
4152100	Revaluation	3,780.00	
4152200	Revaluation Software	<u>2,000.00</u>	
Total 4152-0	Revaluation of Individual Property		5,780.00
4153-0	Legal Expenses		1,421.38
4155-22	Personnel Administration & Payroll Taxes		1,545.02
4191-00	Planning & Zoning		15,573.82
4194-0	Government Buildings		
4194400	Utilities	4,453.22	
4194800	Repairs, Maintenance & Supplies	4,794.49	
4194900	Mowing, Gardening & Wreaths	<u>844.00</u>	
Total 4194-0	Government Buildings		10,091.71
4195-0	Cemetery		
4195600	Miscellaneous, Office Expense, Mem. Day	53.90	
4195900	Mowing & Maintenance	<u>756.00</u>	
Total 4195-0	Cemetery		809.90
4196-0	Insurance		
4196100	Property Liability-NHMA	3,935.65	
4196200	Worker's Compensation - Primex	<u>895.00</u>	
Total 4196-0	Insurance		4,830.65
4197-0	Advertising & Regional Association		1,488.04
4199-0	General Government-Contingency		140.00
4215-0	Ambulances		3,475.00
4220-0	Fire Department		
4220100	Salary - Fire Chief	750.00	
4220110	Firefighters Call Pay	1,900.00	
4220200	Training, Dues, Other	730.00	
4220400	Utilities	3,321.50	
4220600	Office & Miscellaneous	1,151.80	
4220630	Truck Inspection, Maintenance & Repair	647.98	
4220635	Truck Fuel	406.99	
4220700	Equipment & Small Tools	7,480.58	
4220800	Building Maintenance & Supply	<u>1,777.86</u>	
Total 4220-0	Fire Department		18,166.71
4241	Building Inspections		175.00
4290	Emergency Management - Forest Fire		
4290100	Labor	69.11	

4290700 Equipment	<u>88.86</u>	
Total 4290 Emergency Management - Forest Fire		157.97
4299-0 Emergency Management - Communication		1,500.00
4312000 Highway Maintenance		
4312100 Highway Maintenance General	<u>38,600.64</u>	
Total 4312000 Highway Maintenance		38,600.64
4324-0 Solid Waste		
4324100 Administration	1,000.00	
4324200 Disposal	<u>25,048.00</u>	
Total 4324-0 Solid Waste		26,048.00
4414-0 Animal & Pest Control		280.00
4415 Health Agencies & Hospitals		1,370.00
4442 Welfare Direct Assistance		925.47
4449 Other Welfare - Tri County CAP		1,025.00
4520 Tri-Town Recreation Programs		
4520100 Administration Fees	1,000.00	
4520200 Programs	<u>7,061.52</u>	
Total 4520 Tri-Town Recreation Programs		8,061.52
4550 Library		374.38
4619 Other Conservation		246.02
4711 Construction Bond - Principle		6,000.00
4721 Construction Bond - Interest		3,634.00
4915 Transfers to Capital Reserve		5,000.00
4916 Transfer to Trust/Agency Funds		9,500.00
4931 County Taxes		90,970.00
4933-0 Schools		
4933100 Lafayette Regional School District	132,656.00	
4933200 Profile School District	<u>286,443.00</u>	
Total 4933-0 Schools		<u>419,099.00</u>
Total Expense		<u>703,060.31</u>
Net Ordinary Income		<u>57,041.88</u>
Net Income		<u>\$ 57,041.88</u>

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 2009

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Cash-in-Bank (unrestricted)	\$186,798.59
Cash-in-Bank (restricted)	2,564.40
Petty Cash	100.00
Property Taxes Due Current Year	27,790.48
Reserve for Abatements	(216.00)
Property Tax Liens Due for Past Years	26,174.37
Deposits in Hand of Tax Collector	67,068.88
Due from Capital Reserve Fund	<u>769.59</u>
Total Current Assets	311,050.31
Other Assets	
Tax Deeded Property	<u>1,442.97</u>
Total Assets	\$312,493.28

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Current Liabilities	
Due to School Districts	\$138,662.00
Accounts Payable	31,982.66
Property Tax Overpayments	<u>892.26</u>
Total Current Liabilities	171,536.92
Fund Equity	
Reserve for Conservation	\$2,564.40
Reserve for Tax Deeded Property	<u>1,442.97</u>
Total Restricted Funds	4,007.37
Fund Surplus	<u>136,948.99</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>\$140,956.36</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	\$312,493.28

TREASURER'S REPORT
for the Year Ending December 31, 2009

Bank Balance- January 1, 2009		\$230,487.40
Receipts:		
Tax Collector	\$552,074.59	
Town Clerk - Motor Vehicles	59,140.03	
From Federal & State Government	53,825.85	
From Capital Reserve Fund	24,252.40	
Bank Interest	1,401.07	
Other Sources	<u>2,015.38</u>	
Total 2009 Receipts		<u>\$692,709.32</u>
Total Available Receipts		\$923,196.72
Disbursements:		
Grafton County - County Taxes	\$ 90,970.00	
School Districts	442,115.50	
Selectmen Ordered Paid	<u>200,648.24</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$733,733.74</u>
Bank Balance as of December 31, 2009		\$189,462.98

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED FOR 2009

Town Portion

Gross Appropriations	\$240,445.00
Less: Revenues	(140,653.00)
Less: Shared Revenue	0.00
Add: Overlay	1,541.00
Add: War Service Credits	<u>3,700.00</u>
Net Town Appropriation	105,033.00

School Portion

Net Local School Budget	0.00
Regional School Apportionment	419,099.00
State Education Taxes	<u>(155,638.00)</u>
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	263,461.00

State Education Taxes

Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x \$2.14	
72,898,325.00	155,638.00
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation	
(no utilities) 64,834,304	
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State	0.00
Pay to State	0.00

County Portion

Due to County	90,970.00
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>(0.00)</u>
Approved County Tax Effort	90,970.00
Total Property Taxes Assessed	615,102.00
Less: War Service Credits	(3,700.00)
Add: Village District Commitments(s)	<u>0.00</u>
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$611,402.00

2008 Tax Rate			2009 Tax Rate		
		%			%
Town	\$ 0.85	9	Town	\$ 1.61	17
County	1.53	16	County	1.39	15
School	5.01	51	School	4.03	43
State	2.31	24	State	2.40	25
	<u>\$9.70/1000</u>	100%		<u>\$9.43/1000</u>	100%

2009 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land	\$29,259,904.00
Buildings	35,594,400.00
Less Elderly Exemption	<u>(20,000.00)</u>
Net Valuation Upon Which Tax Rate Is Computed	\$64,834,304.00
Electric Utilities	<u>528,403.00</u>
Total Valuation	\$65,362,707.00
Increase in Net Valuation over 2008 (\$64,838,728.00)	\$ 523,979.00

TAX COLLECTOR – SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

Levies of 2009 and Prior

DEBITS

		2009	Levies of: 2008 Prior
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year:			
Property Taxes	#3110		\$36,247.00
Yield Taxes	#3185		96.02
Property Tax Credit Balance		\$ (326.00)	
Taxes Committed This Year:			
Property Taxes	#3110	607,698.00	
Yield Taxes	#3185	4,431.73	
Utility Charges	#3189	3,714.00	
Overpayment Refunds:			
Tax Penalties	#3190		575.75
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	<u>1,097.24</u>	<u>2,259.55</u>
Total Debits		\$616,614.97	\$39,178.32

CREDITS

Remitted To Treasurer:			
Property Taxes		\$578,814.78	\$19,250.14
Yield Taxes		4,431.73	96.02
Interest (include lien conversion)		1,097.24	2,259.55
Penalties			575.75
Utility Charges		3,714.00	
Conversion to Lien (principal only)			16,059.00
Discounts Allowed:		334.00	
Abatements Made:			
Property Taxes		1,325.00	937.86
Uncollected Taxes-End Of Year: #1080			
Property Taxes		27,790.48	
Property Tax Credit Balance*		<u>(892.26)</u>	<u></u>
Total Credits		\$616,614.97	\$39,178.32

*This is the amount of taxes pre-paid for next year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a



**TOWN OF EASTON
TOWN MEETING WARRANT
MARCH 9, 2010**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 9, 2010. Polls will be open from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM for voting on Article 1 thru 3. The Town's annual business meeting will follow at 7:00 PM.

To act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year, and to see if the Town will vote to approve or disapprove the proposed amendments to the Town Zoning Ordinance as presented by the Planning Board on the Official Ballot. (ballot vote).

ARTICLE 2. National Flood Insurance

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 of the Easton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Easton Planning Board as follows?

- Amend the floodplain management ordinance as required by FEMA in order to continue to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). (The Planning Board recommends adoption of this Article.)

ARTICLE 3. Wetlands

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 of the Easton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Easton Planning Board as follows?

- Amend the definition of Wetlands to be consistent with RSA 674:55. (The Planning Board recommends adoption of this Article.)

ARTICLE 4. Town Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$182,684.00 for general Town operations as follows:

4130 - Executive	\$ 12,050.00
4140 - Election, Registration & Vital Stats & Town Clerk	11,900.00
4150 - Financial Administration	8,000.00
4152 - Revaluation of Individual Properties	5,780.00
4153 - Legal Expenses	5,000.00
4155 - Personnel Administration - Payroll Taxes	1,560.00
4191 - Planning & Zoning	2,500.00
4194 - Government Buildings	9,575.00
4195 - Cemetery	2,000.00
4196 - Insurance	5,095.00
4197 - Advertising & Regional Associations	1,588.00
4199 - Contingency Fund	7,500.00
4210 - Police Department	1,001.00
4215 - Ambulances	3,620.00
4220 - Fire Department	17,530.00
4241 - Building Inspections	300.00
4290 - Emergency Management	1,300.00

4299 - Communications (Dispatch)	1,500.00
4312 - Highway Maintenance	42,000.00
4323 - Hazardous Waste Collection	100.00
4324 - Solid Waste	19,836.00
4414 - Animal & Pest Control	300.00
4415 - Health Agencies & Hospitals	1,570.00
4442 - Welfare Assistance	2,000.00
4449 - Tri-County Community Action Program	1,050.00
4520 - Tri-Town Recreation Programs	7,700.00
4550 - Easton Library	500.00
4583 - Patriotic Purposes - 4 th of July	100.00
4619 - Conservation Commission	350.00
4711 - Principal Payment on \$120,000 Construction Bond	6,000.00
4721 - Interest on \$120,000 Construction Bond	<u>3,379.00</u>

Total Operating Budget	\$182,684.00
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ARTICLE 5. Town Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund in accordance with RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of rehabilitation of the Town Cemetery. Further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be placed in this fund and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend. This amount would be used over a three year period in order to complete the work. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 6. Tax Billing Software

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,400.00 to purchase Tax Billing and Collection Software from Avitar Associates of New England. The acquisition of this software will result in a greatly enhanced, efficient and accurate tax collection process. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 7. Town Roads Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,500.00 to add to the Town Roads Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 8. Capital Reserve Fund for Maintenance and Repair of Government Buildings

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to add to the Capital Reserve Fund for the maintenance and repair of all Town Buildings. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 9. Boys & Girls Club Donation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to support the Boys & Girls Club of the North Country in order to provide a Fun, Safe, Positive Place for all kids of the North Country. (The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 10. Petition to Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representative(s), our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President.

Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines “marriage”.

ARTICLE 11. To act upon any other business that may legally come before this Meeting

Selectmen of Easton
Tom Boucher, Chairman
Kevin O’Brien
Sonia German

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

DEBITS

	2008	2007	2006	2005
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year		\$13,274.30	\$1,416.99	\$ 895.48
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$17,457.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	<u>85.60</u>	<u>1,021.30</u>	<u>669.14</u>	<u>1,656.82</u>
Total Debits	\$17,543.37	\$14,295.60	\$2,086.13	\$2,552.30

CREDITS

Remitted To Treasurer:

Redemptions	\$ 1,579.47	\$ 2,978.23	\$1,416.99	\$ 895.48
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	85.60	1,021.30	669.14	1,656.82
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year #1110	<u>15,878.30</u>	<u>10,296.07</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Credits	\$17,543.37	\$14,295.60	\$2,086.13	\$2,552.30

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
For the Year Ending December 31, 2009

Motor Vehicle Registrations & Titles	\$58,390.00
Dog Registrations	420.50
Penalties	16.00
Copies	151.25
Marriage License & Certified Copies	14.50
Miscellaneous	<u>147.78</u>
Transferred to Town	\$59,140.03

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON
For the Year Ending December 31, 2009

Date & Place Of Birth	Name Of Child	Name Of Father & Mother's Name
April, 4, 2009 Littleton, NH	Sadie Grace Harold	Jeffrey Harold Lisa Harold

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON
For the Year Ending December 31, 2009

Date & Place Of Marriage	Name and Surname Of Groom & Bride	Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage
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None to Report

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON
For the Year Ending December 31, 2009

Date & Place Of Death	Name & Surname Of Deceased
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None to Report

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Thibault, Town Clerk

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

December 31, 2009

Land at Town Hall & Fire Station	\$ 29,450.00
Land Deeded	22,400.00
Building - Town Hall	239,342.00
Building - Fire Station	63,261.00
Furniture and Equipment - Town Hall	17,709.00
Furniture and Equipment - Fire Station	163,285.00
Furniture and Equipment - Library	2,200.00
Furniture and Equipment - Police	<u>1,200.00</u>
Total Town Property	\$538,847.00

SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT

December 31, 2009

	Principal	Interest	Total
Balance January 1, 2002	\$120,000.00	\$58,425.00	\$178,425.00
Payments through 2008	42,073.26	33,486.76	75,560.02
Payment made in 2009	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>3,634.00</u>	<u>9,634.00</u>
Balance Remaining 12/31/09	\$ 71,926.74	\$21,304.24	\$ 93,230.98

Note: Loan from the USDA Rural Development for the Town Hall addition dated December 14, 2001. 30 year loan payout is over 20 years at 4.75% Interest.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the books and records of the Selectboard, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk and Trustee of the Trust Funds of the Town of Easton for the year ended December 31, 2009 in accordance with the State of New Hampshire guidelines and audit procedures.

In my opinion, the statements contained in the 2009 Annual Town Report present fairly the financial position and operating revenues and expenditures of the Town of Easton for the year ended December 31, 2009.

Nicole Ashton
February 6, 2010

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

	PRINCIPAL				INCOME		Principal & Interest End of Year
	Balance 01/01/09	Added Funds or Reinvested	Expended Funds	Balance 12/31/09	Balance 01/01/09	Expended 12/31/09	
<u>Trust Funds</u>							
Cemetery (1)	\$8,260.25	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$ 8,260.25	\$4,040.25	\$ 297.61	\$12,598.11
Library Memorial (2)	650.00	0.00	0.00	650.00	420.62	2.87	803.40
Road Maintenance (4)	0.00	32,500.00	0.00	32,500.00	0.00	544.54	33,044.54
Total Trust Funds	<u>\$8,910.25</u>	<u>\$32,500.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$41,410.25</u>	<u>\$4,460.87</u>	<u>\$845.02</u>	<u>\$46,446.05</u>
<u>Capital Reserve Funds</u>							
Equipment (3)	\$ 343.78	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 343.78	\$ 9.07	\$ 1.47	\$ 354.32
Road Repaving (4)	22,500.00	0.00	22,500.00	0.00	1,121.91	145.68	0.00
Town Building Repair (4)	1,500.00	5,000.00	0.00	6,500.00	13.59	62.69	6,576.28
Total Reserve Funds	<u>\$24,343.78</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	<u>\$22,500.00</u>	<u>\$6,843.78</u>	<u>\$1,144.57</u>	<u>\$209.84</u>	<u>\$6,930.60</u>

- (1) Income to be used for perpetual care of cemetery lots.
- (2) Income to be used for book purchases.
- (3) Principal and income to be used for the purchase of equipment for the Fire Department.
- (4) Principal and Interest may be expended.

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board has nearly completed the challenging job of reviewing and revising the Master Plan.

Since the mail survey of all property owners of the Town in the Fall of 2006, until the scheduling of the Public Hearing scheduled for January 6, 2010 in which the results of the Master Plan update are to be reported, the Easton Planning Board has engaged in multiple forums to seek the vision our residents hold most collectively concerning the future of Easton and to write it into a Revised Master Plan according to the requirements of New Hampshire Statutes.

The State of New Hampshire requires a Town to have a Master Plan in place on which to base its Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations. The State further encourages that the Master Plan be reviewed at least every ten years.

At the Town Meeting of 2009, the Town authorized the Planning Board sufficient funds to hire the North Country Council to aid the Board in collecting additional data, organizing the data and writing the Vision Statement that is the first required portion of the Master Plan.

In early April 2009, the Planning Board sought feedback via mail and email on the proposed Vision Statement. On April 25, Tara Bamford, Planning Director of North Country Council (NCC) and members of the Board were available to interact with the citizenry of Easton at a Pastry and Preservation presentation sponsored by the Conversation Commission. On August 5, the Board hosted a presentation by Tara Bamford on options for zoning to conserve open spaces in Easton including the concept of lot size averaging. The first Wednesday of every month of the year a major portion of the Planning Board agenda was dedicated to first hearing the voices of the public who attended these regular meetings and then adding this to the body of knowledge already collected. Public attendance and participation in these regular meetings was a great help in our thinking.

Planning Board members attended an educational presentation of Work Force Housing, a land use mandated by the State to be allowed in all towns. In September, we also attended the Law Lecture Series presented by the Local Government Center of New Hampshire. These lectures bring Boards news of changes in Law by the Legislature and Court interpretations of note.

A Sub-division that qualified as a Development of Regional Impact (DRI) per RSA 35:54-58 was announced by the Town of Lyman and your Board attended their Public Hearing and was invited to provide input. There was little or no impact to Easton.

In December 2, 2009, an application for a Minor Lot Line Adjustment was approved for Dr. Avid Kamgar at an announced Public Hearing.

Frank Woodruff was appointed as an alternate member of the Planning Board at the December meeting per RSA 673:6 II. Frank brings valuable experience and we welcome him to the Board.

We, the Board, offer our sincere thanks to Tara Bamford of the NCC for her assistance in guiding us through the development of the revised Master Plan. We also thank all the citizens who submitted surveys, attended meetings, hearings and otherwise provided input and feedback that allowed us to successfully write this latest revision.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Harwood
Andrew Noyes
Kevin O'Brien, ex-officio
Kathy Ouellete, Chair
Jim Collier
Frank Woodruff, Alternate

LIBRARY REPORT

This year we have prioritized improvements of the physical plant of the Library, including Venetian blinds, reading lamps, a book cart and safety measures. We are well within Town budget with expenditures of \$374.38. Kudos to Steve Sabre for sharing his excellent carpentry and mechanical skills. His generosity has enabled us to expand the children's section and significantly brighten both rooms.

Out of the Easton Public Library Memorial Trust we spent \$511.05 for 27 new books, most of which were specific requests by patrons. It is community participation that makes our efforts worthwhile. Be sure to notice the list of new books posted on the Town Hall's bulletin boards.

Donations of used books totaled 137. Special thanks to Jim Collier for his gift subscription of Consumer Reports magazine. The number of borrowed books and magazines is 119, reflecting a wide variety of interests for 58 patrons.

Wish List: A sturdy wooden rocking chair with arms (no upholstery, please) and metal office desk and chair.

Lastly, our heartfelt appreciation to Barbara Collier, Library volunteer and trustee 2004-2009. Open hours are Thursday 3-5 or by appointment. Call Laura Treuman 823-8594 for an alternate time.

Respectfully submitted,
Easton Public Library Board of Trustees
Laura Treuman
Barbara Collier
Sonia German

EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In its ongoing efforts to become more effective, 2009 saw the development of many new projects for the Conservation Commission. To be certain that we function properly and efficiently, we have created and approved Rules of Procedures. Also, to best utilize the diverse interests and abilities of the Commission members, we established the policy of working with sub-committees. Some of our ongoing projects include (but are not limited to) the following:

1. Land Use
 - Review of ridgeline and slope requirements
 - Review of building permit applications
 - Review of wetland restrictions
2. Heritage Projects
 - Surveying and documenting existing old barns and outbuildings. The survey includes taking photos, collecting old photos and recording the building's history.
 - Donna North has provided us with reproductions of historic photos which are the beginning of a heritage collection. This collection includes the original Easton Post Office sign which was donated by Joe Darvid.
3. Kinsman Cemetery - working with the Cemetery Trustees to see that the history of Easton, that is contained in the Cemetery, is preserved and documented. Cemetery Trustee Rich Larcom provided an informational program to introduce us to some of our founding fathers (and mothers).
4. Geographic and Heritage Site Projects
 - Tunnel Brook Project – We have established a cooperative partnership with the US Forest Service to include
 - a. Apple tree release
 - b. Awareness of potentially harmful and invasive species
 - c. Civilian Conservation Campsite preservation
 - d. Stream bed restoration for salmonid habitat which will also benefit other species
5. Presentations
 - Pastry & Preservation meetings
 - “Know Your Easton” walks

Our residents have expressed a strong desire to maintain the existing rural nature of Easton. Our goals are to educate and engage residents of all ages in the benefits of connecting with nature and preserving their environment.

We want to thank those of you who have supported our 2009 work and programs. We meet on the third Friday of each month at 8:00 AM in the Town Hall and all meetings are open to the public. We do not meet in the summer months.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Hynes, Chair
Anita Craven
Ned Cutler
Denys Draper - Co-chair
Genny Wren Miller
Donna North (Alternate)
Mike Platt
Steve Sabre
Susan Schibanoff (Alternate)

Board Appointment Schedule

Anita Craven – 2010	Edward Cutler – 2011	Steve Sabre – 2012
Denys Draper – 2010	Mike Platt – 2011	Donna North – 2012
Maria Hynes – 2010		Susan Schibanoff – 2012
Genny Wren Miller – 2010		

FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD

2009 Annual Report

The Life Squad draws its membership from the towns of Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton. Each member dedicated to providing the highest quality emergency care, to the communities they serve.

All members are at a minimum, Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technicians and are continually training and improving their skills. Each member must have a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education each year plus every two years must take a 24 hour refresher course and an extensive practical exam.

Congratulations to Bill Mead who having passed his National Registry Exams was advanced to the level of Paramedic. This means currently, five (5) of our members are certified to provide Advanced Life Support, three (3) of which are nationally registered paramedics. The Franconia Life Squad at year end had twelve (12) active members and a paramedic advisor. Additionally there are three (3) new members currently on probation. This will bring the squad membership to a total of fifteen (15) plus our advisor. The squad is well prepared to assist our citizens and visitors to our area with quality emergency medical care.

Many of the members have other specialized training including ice rescue, swift water rescue, high angle rescue and motor vehicle extrication certifications. All of the members are certified in advance CPR and in the use of the heart monitor and defibrillator. Most importantly, all of our members are dedicated to providing compassionate emergency medical care from the scene to the hospital.

Active members of the Franconia Life Squad at year end were:

Chief Paul Schmucker – EMT

Act. Chief Mark Taylor – EMT

Capt. Amy Cyrs – EMT

Bill Mead – EMT P

Steven Czarnecki – EMT –P

Bill Blackwell – EMT -I

Flo Place – EMT –I

Allan Clark – EMT

Jeff Gould - EMT

John Ireland – EMT

Zach Manglone – EMT

Linda Mordhorst - EMT

Jon Place – EMT

Gareth Slattery – EMT

Kyle Whitcomb- EMT

David White – EMT

Jeff Stewart – EMT -P

The number of calls that the Life Squad responded to in 2009 rose to 197, an increase of thirty (30%) percent over 2008 when there were 151 calls. The number of transports to the hospital also increased in 2009 to 92, a forty eight (48%) percent increase over 2008.

	<u>2009</u>		<u>2008</u>		<u>2007</u>	
	Calls	Transports	Calls	Transports	Calls	Transports
Franconia	133	85	111	54	108	62
Sugar Hill	44	3	26	1	32	0
Easton	17	3	11	6	8	6
Mutual Aid	3	1	3	1	3	1
Total	197	92	151	62	151	69

Revenue from transports increased 11% in 2009 due to the increase in transports.

In 2009, the operating expenses were \$51,727 and income obtained from patient billing and Sugar Hill and Easton subsidies totaled \$52,859 with the net cost for the operation of the Franconia Life Squad to the Town of Franconia being \$0.00 and a net surplus of \$1132. This is the first year the Life Squad has operated with a surplus.

The new ambulance that was put into service in 2008 was specifically designed to treat and transport patients. The ambulance currently operates at the Intermediate care level and in early 2009 will be upgraded to Advanced Life Support at the paramedic level.

I sincerely thank the townspeople for their continued support. I especially thank the members of the Life Squad for their countless hours dedicated to serving others in their community.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Schmucker - Chief
Franconia Life Squad

TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION

As some of you know the recycling market prices took a dramatic drop in October of 2008 and continued into the 1st quarter of 2009. This equates to a 57% decrease in recyclable income. The markets have started to rebound and hopefully will continue throughout 2010.

Recycled Products:

- Paper – 168 tons.
- Aluminum cans – 3.7 tons.
- Tin cans – 7.6 tons
- Scrap metal – 20 tons
- Glass – 75 tons
- Textiles – 4 tons
- #1 Plastics – 5.6 tons
- #2 Plastics – 5.5 tons

I want to thank all the Tri-Town residents for their recycling efforts. A special thanks to all my employees for making 2009 another successful year.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Wells, Manager
Tri-Town Transfer Station

FRANCONIA/EASTON/SUGAR HILL RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Tri-Town Recreation Department has had another phenomenal year. A huge THANK YOU goes out to all who made this happen.

We started with a great winter for skating and cross country skiing. The weather cooperated. We had Family Skate Nights on Wednesdays and skiing on Sunday mornings throughout the winter. This will all happen again so be sure to check the town website for updates and details; www.franconianh.org There is now music at the skating rink.

Trails are abundant in the Tri-Towns and we are in the process of inventorying, maintaining, mapping and making signs with trail information. We have organized a group of trail enthusiasts for this purpose, called the "Franconia Area Trails" group or FAT for short. The map will be available this spring if not sooner.

The Old Home Day, Top Notch Triathlon, Franconia Scramble, Hayseed Bluegrass Festival, Halloween Cup Soccer Tournament, Pumpkin Festival and Summer Concert Series were all very successful bringing people and money to town. We hope to improve upon all the above and add new events when possible. The money raised from the Top Notch Triathlon and the Halloween Cup Soccer Tournament are in a fund to help with improvements to the rink. The total from these two events is \$11,000

Baseball/softball, soccer and basketball all had excellent attendance and successes along the way. These programs rely totally on volunteers. Both parents and people without children who just love the game make it all work.

Kris Germain has done another outstanding job of organizing all the youth teams, and the summer program. Without her dedication and organizational skills our heads would spin. A good leader brings out the best in the staff around her and our team of recreation counselors proved just that.

The Tri-Town Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of every month the location to be announced. Check the town website www.franconianh.org for more details.

Watch for next summer's concerts featuring big names such as; Crunchy Western Boys, Wicked Smart Horn Band, Tuba4th and White Mountain Swing.

Respectfully submitted,

Tri-Town Committee Members

Franconia: Jeff Malcolm & Beth Horan

Sugar Hill: Gordie Johnk & Cindy McClaren

Easton: Brian Canelas & Ashley Garrison

Kris Germain, Youth Program Director

Kim Cowles, Park & Recreation Director

NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE AGENCY, INC.

North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency has been meeting the home health and hospice needs of the North Country since 1971.

North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency provides skilled services such as nurses, therapists, home health aides, medical social workers, and homemakers. Under our hospice program we also pay for medications for symptom relief, medical supplies and equipment, short term hospitalization and in-patient respite care, counseling and pastoral support. Our Compassionate Care program provides limited amounts of free skilled care to those living with a life-limiting illness who are not eligible for traditional hospice benefits. In January 2007, we added hospice volunteer services to improve our continuum of care by creating an even stronger program of hospice and palliative care for residents. In 2009, we traveled 221,820 miles to provide 23,315 visits to the residents in our 21-Town service area.

North Country Home Health and Hospice relies on Town support and individual donations to help underwrite the cost of providing home health and hospice care to residents who are uninsured or underinsured. The Board of Directors and Staff of North Country Home Health & Hospice are grateful for your continued support of our work in this community and look forward to working with you to meet the home care and hospice needs of the residents of Easton.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Tomlinson
Executive Director

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.

During the fiscal year, GCSCC served 11 Easton residents (out of 64 residents over 60, 2000 Census). ServiceLink served 1 Easton resident.

Services	Type of Service	Units of Service		Unit (1) Cost	Total Cost Of Service
Congregate/Home Delivered	Meals	26	x	\$ 8.00	\$ 208.00
Transportation	Trips	96	x	11.65	1,118.40
Adult Day Service	Hours	0	x	14.16	.00
Social Services	Half Hours	8	x	40.69	325.52
ServiceLink	Contacts	2	x	40.69	81.38
Activities		23		N/A	

Number of Easton volunteers: 1. Number of Volunteer Hours: 48

GCSCC cost to provide services for Easton residents only	<u>\$1,733.30</u>
Request for Senior Services for 2009	200.00
Received from Town of Easton for 2009	200.00
Request for Senior Services for 2010	\$ 200.00

NOTE:

1. Unit cost from GCSCC Statement of Revenue and Expenses for October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.
2. Services were funded by Federal and State programs 58%; municipalities, county and United Way 11%; Client donations for services 8%; Charitable contributions 21%; Other 2%.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE NORTH COUNTRY

The mission of our Club is to provide a fun, safe and positive place for all kids of the North Country, under the guidance of caring adults.

Believe it and you will see it!

The Board of Directors and the greater North Country community are celebrating what many feel is the most successful after-school program ever developed in the North Country and the fifth year of the existence of the *Boys and Girls Club of the North Country (BGCNC)*.

In the early days of our formation, when word got out that our founding board wanted, for the sake of the children of our community, to form a Boys & Girls Club, I am sure that many skeptics quietly said to themselves, “**Sure! I will believe *that* when I see it.**”

But here we are five years later, and we see this club because we believe in the dream of a stronger community. The fact that the *Boys & Girls Club of the North Country* exists is due to our *community* -your collective belief that maintaining a healthy and successful community requires community-wide support-for *your children & grandchildren, their friends, your neighbors and your future employees.*

The Boys & Girls Club of the North Country is secured only by your belief that we....each and every one of us.... are responsible for the creation of that healthy, successful community in which we all want to live.

The BGCNC provides over 100 area children in grades 2-7 with a safe place to go to socialize, learn new skills, have new experiences, receive homework assistance and realize that the community cares about them. Many of these children would be home alone; out on the streets or worse... if it were not for your Boys & Girls Club.

The BGCNC *After School Program* continues to collaborate with other community youth organizations such as *Copper Cannon Outdoor Education Center, Appalachian Mountain Club, Northern Family Institute in Bethlehem, White Mountain School and Whitefield Elementary School and the Boys Scouts of America.*

Most recently, BGCNC has formed an educational collaboration with the *Littleton School District* through our *Supplemental Educational Services Tutoring Program*. This program provides after school tutoring and transportation for 20 Littleton children, as well as full membership in the BGCNC, without cost to the student or parents. This exceptional collaboration between the Schools and our non-profit organization is a win-win situation for the Town of Littleton and the BGCNC which will translate to other area towns as well.

In our weekly schedule we include several *Boys & Girls Club of America* programs tailored appropriately for our kids. These evidence-based activities focus on the

environment, study habits, confidence, gender issues, sportsmanship, fitness, leadership and community service.

This year's big project involves our move next door to the Evergreen Gymnastics building. Our current clubhouse building is up for sale and our future there is uncertain. Therefore, in order to maintain consistency with our membership we are simply moving up the driveway a few hundred feet. We value our centralized location and look forward to welcoming you to our new club this summer.

Over the past 5 Years the BGCNC has raised and invested over \$650,000 in the children of the North Country and provided services to over 100 children each year. We appreciate the support provided by the Town of Easton.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin M. O'Brien, Board Chair
Boys & Girls Club of the North Country

TOWN OF EASTON
1060 Easton Valley Road
Easton, NH 03580

FEES

(As of March 2010. Subject to Change)

BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION FEES

Up to 1300 Sq. Ft. - \$50.00
1300 Sq. Ft. - 2000 Sq. Ft. - \$55.00
Over 2000 Sq. Ft. - \$60.00
Alterations to Existing Structures - \$40.00



9-1-1 BUILDING NUMBERING - \$25.00



CURRENT USE APPLICATION - \$20.00



DRIVEWAY PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR TOWN ROADS - \$20.00



REAPPRAISAL CHARGES - \$45.00



SUBDIVISION APPLICATION FEES

Minor and Major Subdivisions: \$20.00
Plus An Additional \$5.00 For Each Lot Over First Three
Minor Lot Line Adjustment and/or Boundary Agreement: \$10.00



SUBDIVISION AND ZONING ORDINANCES

Taxpayers - FREE
Non-Taxpayers - \$10.00



COPIES

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Non-Taxpayers - \$.25 PER PAGE



CLERICAL TIME TO MEET MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION REQUESTS

\$20.00 per Hour, Payable before information is released.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

9-1-1

**POLICE – FIRE
MEDICAL EMERGENCY**

**POLICE EMERGENCY
9-1-1**

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE POLICE – Troop F
846-3333**

FIRE CHIEF
Charles Casey – 823-0020
616-8053

FIRE WARDENS
Warden Arthur Rainville – 823-9558
Deputy – Darrel Gearhart – 823-7152
Deputy – Charles Casey – 823-0020

TOWN CLERK'S HOURS
Town Hall Telephone – 823-8017
Fax – 823-7780
Thursday Afternoon
1 PM – 6 PM
and by appointment

Dogs must be Licensed by May 1, 2010

An Up-To-Date
RABIES CERTIFICATE
Is required in Easton to License a dog.

A \$15.00 Forfeit if not Licensed by June 1st.

NOTES

Select Board Meetings for 2010

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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December

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*Select Board Meetings – 6:00 p.m. every other Monday evening
 Planning Board Meetings – 7:00 p.m. first Wednesday of each month
 Department Head Meetings with the Board – 6:30 p.m. as scheduled below
 Conservation Commission – 8:00 a.m. third Friday of each month

Department	Meetings with Select Board
Fire Chief	2/1, 5/10, 8/2, 9/13, 11/8, 12/20
Road Agent	2/15, 6/7, 8/16, 9/27, 11/22, 12/20
Town Clerk	4/12, 6/21, 8/30, 10/11, 12/20

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